

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 3, 5, 8 – 14, 16 and 19 – 22 are in the application for consideration.

1. In the corrected section for the listing of claims provided herein, the status identifier for claims 4, 6, 7, 15, 17 and 18 is now properly shown as “Canceled” and no text is shown for the canceled claims.

2. It is submitted that the corrected section of the previous non-compliant amendment, the AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS, complies with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.121. Entry of the Preliminary Amendment in the application and examination on the merits of the claims as amended are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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